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via Federal Express

Hon. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40601 SEP 2 3 2005

PUBLIC SERVICE

Re: A Certification of the Carriers Receiving Universal Service High Cost Support, Administrative Case No. 381

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is one original and ten (10) copies of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless' Annual Affidavit Regarding Use of Federal Universal Service High Cost Support in the above-styled case.

Please also note the enclosed additional copy of the document to be file-stamped. Please file-stamp the additional copy and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, pre-paid envelope.

Thank you, and if you have any questions with regard to this matter, please call me.

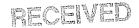
Very truly yours,

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS)	ADMINISTRATIVE
RECEIVING UNIVERSAL SERVICE)	CASE NO. 381
HIGH COST SUPPORT)	

EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC d/b/a APPALACHIAN WIRELESS ANNUAL AFFIDAVIT REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH COST SUPPORT

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network") hereby submits the attached affidavit regarding the use of federal Universal Service High-Cost Support.

In order to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Kentucky Public Service Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the previous year. The attached affidavit should be accepted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the purpose of notifying the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that East Kentucky Network is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF GERALD ROBINETTE

- I, the undersigned Gerald Robinette, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows.
- 1. I am the authorized representative of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("East Kentucky Network"). I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by East Kentucky Network and how these funds are used by East Kentucky Network.
- 2. East Kentucky Network was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2005-00045 by order dated August 11, 2005.
- 3. East Kentucky Network estimates that it will receive \$3,000,000 of Federal Universal Service high-cost support during the January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 time period.
- 4. The Federal Universal Service Support funds East Kentucky Network receives during 2006 will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.10(a), which are available to any customer in East Kentucky Network's service area: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service or enhanced 9-1-1 service, access to operator service, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.
 - 5. East Kentucky Network follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32

accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high-cost support amounts.

- 6. While continuing to receive the estimated amount of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purposes as described, East Kentucky Network does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by East Kentucky Network and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of East Kentucky Network.
- The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and 7. correct.

Authorized Representative East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a East Kentucky Network

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Floyd COUNTY OF JEFFERSON STATE OF KENTUCKY

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the $\frac{2}{2}$ day of September, 2005.

My Commission expires <u>June</u> 22, 2009.

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